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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte TOMOHIRO KAWATA, and  
KUNIO MITOBE

Appeal No. 2002-0351  
Application No.08/931,615

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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On September 6, 2001, appellants filed a paper entitled "Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116" (Paper No. 22), and on February 21, 2002, "Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to Reset the Period for Reply to an Examiner Answer". There is no indication on the record, that these papers have been considered.

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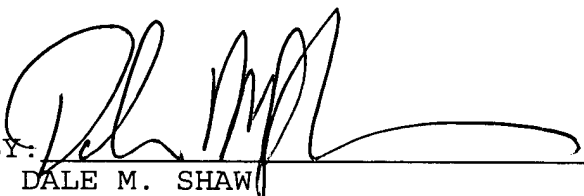
Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is remanded to the examiner for resolution of the following issues:

- consideration of the Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116 (Paper No. 22);
  - consideration of the Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to Reset the Period for Reply to an Examiner Answer (Paper No. 24);
  - appropriate notification to applicants of the action taken;
- and
- for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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